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Appl. No. 10/783,151  
Docket No. 9175  
Amdt. dated August 23, 2007  
Reply to Office Action mailed on June 27, 2007  
Customer No. 27752

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Office Action has required, under 35 USC §121, an election of a single disclosed invention. Pursuant to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention designated in the Office Action as Invention I. Claims 1-9 are drawn to this invention. The remaining claims 10 through 23 are cancelled without prejudice to be filed as divisional application(s).

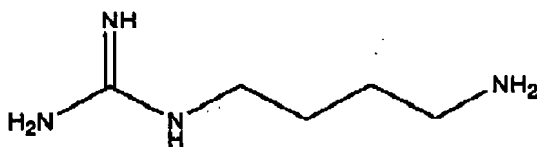
The Office Action has required, under 35 USC §121, restriction/election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits for the following groups:

- 1- agmatine: Applicants are required to identify each variable and define n and also identify alkyl (methyl, ethyl, or butyl etc), cycloalkyl (9 cyclopropyl or cyclobutyl or cyclopentyl), heteroalkyl (compound name), aromatic (specific compound), heterocycloalkyl (specific compound), heterocycloalkyl (specific compound), polypeptide (specific polypeptide), amino acid (specific amino acid), and heteroaromatic. Applicant is required to give the structure of specific agmatine.
- 2- First additional skin care active: BHT, BHA, hexamidine, cetyl pyridinium chloride, green tea, catechins, phytosterols, ursolic acid, compounds derived from plant extracts.
- 3- Second additional skin care active, which is different from the first skin care active: BHT, BHA, hexamidine, cetyl pyridinium chloride, green tea, catechins, phytosterols, ursolic acid, compounds derived from plant extracts.
- 4- Additional skin care actives: desquamatory actives, anti-acne actives, vitamin B3 compounds, peptides, hydroxyl acids, anti-oxidants, radical scavengers, chelators, anti-inflammatory agents, topical anesthetics, tanning actives, skin lightening agents, anti-cellulite agents, flavonoids, antimicrobial actives, skin soothing agents, skin healing agents, antifungal actives, sunscreen agents, conditioning agents, structuring agents, thickening agents.

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Group 1: in Claim 1 Applicants elect agmatine with the following structure



**Agmatine**

$R_1=R_2=R_3=R_4=H$

$A=N$

$B=D=R_5=R_6=R_7=R_8=R_9= \text{nil}$

$C=NH_2$

$n=4$

Group 2: In Claim 1 Applicants elect hexamidine,

Group 3: in Claim 2 Applicants elect BHT,

Group 4: in Claims 7 and 8 Applicants elect vitamin B3 compounds.

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